

REMARKS

Claims 2-8, 11-12, and 14-16 remain in the application for consideration of the Examiner with Claims 1, 8, and 13 standing cancelled.

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejections and objections are respectfully requested in light of the above amendments and following remarks.

The drawings were objected to as failing to comply with 37 CFR 1.84.

By the instant amendment, Applicants have amended the specification and submitted a proposed drawing correction for consideration of the Examiner.

It is respectfully submitted that these actions obviate the objection.

The Examiner alleges that Figure 2 does not mention element 277 in the specification.

However, Applicants have examined Figure 2 and can not see this element.

Should the Examiner persist, a more detailed explanation as where it is located is requested.

The drawings are in full compliance with 37 CFR 1.84.

Turning now to the art rejections, Claims 1, 2, 5, 6, 9, 10, 13, and 14 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Voorman.

The cancellation of Claims 1, 9, and 13 and the amendment of the remaining claims to depend from an allowable claim obviate the rejection of these claims.

Applicants appreciate the indication that if Claims 3, 4, 7, 8, 11, 12, 15, and 16 were rewritten in independent form including the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims, these claims would be allowable.

It is respectfully submitted that these claims have been placed in independent form including the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Furthermore, dependent rejected claims have been amended to depend from an allowable claim consequently.

Applicants submit that Claims 2-8, 10-12, and 14-16 are now allowable.

In light of the above, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance, and notice to that effect is respectfully requested.

While it is believed that the instant response places the application in condition for allowance, should the Examiner have any further comments or suggestions, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner contact the undersigned in order to expeditiously resolve any outstanding issues.

To the extent necessary, Applicant petitions for an Extension of Time under 37 CFR 1.136. Please charge any fees in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to the deposit account of Texas Instruments Incorporated, Account No. 20-0668.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'W. Daniel Swayze, Jr.', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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